

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-11, 13-18 and 23-36 were pending in the application at the time of the Office Action. The Office Action rejected claims 17, 18, 35 and 36 under 35 USC §112, first paragraph. By this response applicant has cancelled claims 17, 18, 35, and 36. As such, withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested. The remaining pending claims 1-3, 5-11, 13-16 and 23-34 were allowed in the Office Action.

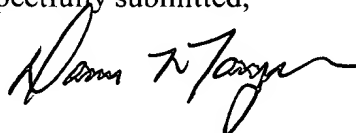
The Office Action also objected to the inventor declaration. Applicant has been attempting to locate each of the inventors to obtain execution of a new declaration. Applicant will forward the newly executed declaration as soon as it is obtained.

No other objections or rejections are set forth in the Office Action.

In the event there is any impediment to allowance of the claims which could be clarified in a telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initiate such an interview with the undersigned.

Dated this 1st day of August 2005.

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